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ESPEROU CONFIRMED TO CIVIL AIR ATTACHE ON APRIL 10
THAT DGAC IS INDEED ON THE VERGE OF REDUCING ADVANCE
BOOKING PERIOD FROM 45 DAYS TO 30 DAYS. REGULATION
TO THIS EFFECT IS IN LAST STAGES OF DRAFTING AND
SHOULD BE ISSUED IN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS FOR IMMEDIATE
EFFECT. FRENCH MOTIVATION FOR THIS ACTION LIES IN
FACT THAT MANY OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE MADE SUCH
A REDUCTION AND FRANCE DOES NOT WANT TO BE ISOLATED
NOR TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARTER DIVERSION.
IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION, WE SAW NO REASON TO
SUGGEST THAT ANY RECIPROCAL ACTION BY USCAB MIGHT
BE FORTHCOMING. HOWEVER, IF DEPARTMENT WISHES THE
POINT ABOUT REDUCTION IN PERIOD FOR COMPETITIVE
SCHEDULED FARES MADE WE WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DO
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SO ON APRIL 13, ALTHOUGH OUR OPINION IS THAT THIS POINT MIGHT WELL BE RESERVED AS A BARGAINING CHIP FOR THE FUTURE.

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